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## House of Representatives

The House is in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

## Senate

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The Senate met at 12 noon, and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN WARNER, a Senator from the State of Virginia.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Father Paul Lavin, pastor of St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

In Sirach we hear:

*To the poor man extend your hand,  
that your blessing may be complete;  
Be generous to all the living,  
and withhold not your kindness from the dead.*

*Avoid not those who weep,  
but mourn with those who mourn;  
Neglect not to visit the sick—  
for those things you will be loved.—  
Sirach 7:32-35.*

Let us pray:

We praise You Lord for the light of creation; we praise You for the light You give us in Your law, in the prophets, and wisdom of the Scriptures.

Lord send Your blessing on these servants of Yours, Senate and their staff. Help them work together in this time of need, help them be faithful to the light You have given them, and let them faithfully serve You and their neighbor.

Glory and praise to You for ever and ever. Amen.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, January 2, 1996.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint Hon. JOHN WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. WARNER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. DOLE. Today there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 12:30 p.m. and hopefully after that we can turn to the so-called back-to-work bill, S. 1508. There may be some modification to that. I will be in touch with the Democratic leader before we do that. It is also my hope we can reach some agreement on expedited procedures. In the event we should reach an agreement on all sides—the President and members of the Senate leadership, and members of the House leadership want a balanced budget.

Any other thing we can do by unanimous consent, we can do today, but otherwise I think we have indicated to Members they would be given plenty of time to return if there are any rollcall votes. We understand we have to delay those.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DOLE. I ask unanimous consent, and this has been cleared by the Democratic leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the day's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 267, 378, and 410.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table en bloc, that any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I would indicate that those calendar numbers referred to Judges A. Wallace Tashima of California, Sidney R. Thomas of Montana, and John Thomas Marten of Kansas.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### THE JUDICIARY

A. Wallace Tashima, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Sidney R. Thomas, of Montana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

John Thomas Marten, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas vice Patrick F. Kelly.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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